

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., May 20, 1892.

Workers in Iron.

Interesting Facts About the Blacksmiths of Various Nations.

The grimy blacksmith, with brawny, bare arms, his leather apron, his dingy fire-lighted shop with its queer assortment of tools and rubbish, is the most picturesque of all artisans.

He began as a flanger, polisher, and driller of stone weapons and utensils. From this rude work on iron, after the discovery of ore and the invention of fire, he branched out all the manufactures and art developments of metals.

Africa is a land of aboriginal blacksmiths. In Angola the smithy stands anywhere in any waste place. The anvil is a rude piece of iron or stone.

It is astonishing what good pieces of iron work the African smith turns out with his crude outfit. The National Museum has short swords from these rude smiths with broad blades as thin as sheet iron, and strengthened with a band in the middle.

The Korean blacksmith works with rude appliances also. He sits upon the ground and holds the red hot iron on the low anvil while two men strike.

The Chinese traveling blacksmith or tinker mends iron tools and broken pots with great skill. His fire is held in an iron basin like a coal scuttle; in the back of this basin the mouth piece of the iron bellows enters.

The Dyak of Borneo is perhaps the best worker in iron we meet in our travels. He makes steel dagger blades as wavy as those of Damascus, with curved outlines like a serpent crawling that give one a cold chill.

There are many queer customs among the aboriginal blacksmiths. The bushy haired Papuans of New Guinea, believe that if an apprentice anoints himself with oil and has an incantation said over him, flying sparks or a careless blow of the hammer cannot hurt him.

Reading, May 12.—Miss Annie McManus was attacked last evening by an English bull terrier which has been a pet in the family for some years.

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A man, woman and two children were overtaken on a trestle bridge across the Oesplines river at Elgin, Ill.

BURLINGTON ROUTE NEW SERVICE.—A through Pullman Sleeping Car Chicago to San Francisco is a feature of the Burlington's new service.

TOURISTS.—No! not even No w Under the Sun. This is simply written to remind you that The Union Pacific is the Pioneer in running through cars to the above mentioned points.

Oregon, Washington and the Northwest Pacific Coast.—The constant demand of the traveling public to the far West for a comfortable and at the same time an economical mode of traveling.

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Insurance. J. C. WEAVER, GENERAL INSURANCE Agent, Bellefonte, Pa. Policies written in Standard Cash Companies at lowest rates.

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WHY WE REPRESENT THE NORTHWESTERN. MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. IT IS A STRONG COMPANY.

II.—IT IS A PROSPEROUS COMPANY. Total assets, \$42,333,912.96. Total liabilities, \$5,821,987.98. Net surplus 4 per cent., \$6,532,324.98.

III.—IT IS A CAREFUL COMPANY. Death-loss incurred during 1890, \$9.60. Average rate of 9 largest competing co's., 11.40.

IV.—IT IS A WELL MANAGED COMPANY. Rate of interest earned in 90, 6.92. Average rate of 9 leading competitors, 5.15.

V.—IT PAYS THE LARGEST DIVIDENDS. The Northwestern is the only company which, in recent years, has published her dividends. In 1885 and in 1887 the Company published lists of nearly 500 policies, embracing every kind issued, and challenged all companies to produce policies, alike as to age, date and kind, showing like results.

VI.—THE COMPANY'S INTEREST RECEIPTS EXCEED HER DEATH CLAIMS. Interest receipts in 1890, \$2,196,500. Death claims in 1890, \$1,222,290.

VII.—IT IS PURELY AMERICAN. By its charter it cannot insure in any foreign country nor in Gulf States. Its wise and conservative management in this, as well as in other respects is heartily approved of by the practical business men of this country.

Investors. SAFE INVESTMENT SECURITIES, MUNICIPAL BONDS, INDUSTRIAL STOCKS, CORPORATION BONDS, APPROVED BANK STOCKS.

Electric Belts. DR. JUDD'S ELECTRIC BELT. Short time only I will send my Electric Belts and Trusses.

Limiting the Export of Nitrate. VALPARAISO, May 11.—The nitrate combine in London has ordered its manager at Iquique to limit the output to 17,000,000 quintals, owing to the low price now prevailing in the market.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice, biliousness, sick headache, constipation.

TREASURER'S SALE OF 1890. SEATED LANDS for taxes for 1890. au 1891—Agreeable to the provisions of law relating to the sale of unseated lands in county of Centre, Pa., for taxes due and unpaid thereon at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m.

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Railway Guide.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES.

Nov. 16th, 1891.

VIA TYRONE—WESTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 5.35 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 6.55 a. m., at Altoona, 7.45 a. m., at Pittsburgh, 12.45 p. m.

VIA TYRONE—EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 10.25 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 11.55 a. m., at Altoona, 1.45 p. m., at Pittsburgh, 6.50 p. m.

VIA LOCK HAVEN—NORTHWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 8.17 a. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 10.45 a. m., at Tyrone, 12.30 p. m., at Philadelphia, 5.50 p. m.

VIA LOCK HAVEN—SOUTHWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 5.20 p. m., arrive at Tyrone, 6.50 p. m., at Altoona, 7.50 p. m., at Philadelphia, 11.55 p. m.

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